



STANLEY-WHITMAN HOUSE
National Historic Landmark · Living History Center

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Stanley-Whitman House.

Stanley-Whitman House has a long tradition of support from volunteers. There are currently approximately sixty volunteers working in nearly every function of the museum, from greeting visitors at the Welcome Desk to working with the museum collection.

Docents

Docents give guided tours of the 1720 National Historic Landmark historic house to visitors from all over the world. Individualized training includes late 17th- through early 19th-century New England history, architecture and culture, as well as in-depth information about the building's history and occupants. Docents work in four-hour afternoon segments. Training and fieldtrips are planned for the corps of docents throughout the year.

Living History Interpreters

Living History Interpreters convey history to visitors by portraying people who lived in the past. In order to impart a personal view on history, interpreters interact with visitors, act out dramas, and demonstrate trades and crafts. Scripts and costumes are provided, and training in history and acting is conducted throughout the year.

Visitor Services Volunteers

Visitor Services Volunteers staff the Welcome Desk during public hours. In this capacity, volunteers greet visitors, answer phones and register visitors for programs and classes. These volunteers also conduct drop-in programs for children and adults.

Special Event Volunteers

Special Event Volunteers help to staff the museum's large-scale programs, such as the *Candlelight Tour* and *Ye Olde Publick Fair*. They are also called upon to assist in smaller programs, such as exhibit openings and fundraisers. Costumes are sometimes required for these positions.

Departmental Volunteers

Departmental Volunteers assist staff in various functions. Placements are made when there is a need for a specific project. Currently, the museum has a need for volunteers in these areas: collections (updating a catalog database), office support (mailings), research library (helping researchers with their work and maintaining the research library), costume wardrobe (keeping the reproduction wardrobe organized), Guildsmen (carpentry and repairs). Work on other projects may become available.

Student Internships

High school and college students are welcomed as interns at the museum. Internships can be arranged to satisfy the requirements of an established school program or can be developed for individual interests. Internships provide training and mentoring for students interested in future work in museums, as historians, and as teachers. Interested students will be interviewed by staff prior to acceptance as an intern.

Please indicate your interests on the Volunteer Application Form. We look forward to having you join our museum volunteer staff!



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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Email _____

Occupation _____

I am interested in becoming a:

- Docent
- Living History Interpreter
- Visitor Services Volunteer
- Special Event Volunteer
- Departmental Volunteer (*Please indicate*):
 - Collections
 - Office support
 - Research Library
 - Costume wardrobe
 - Guildsmen
 - Other _____
- Student Internship _____ Please indicate timeframe: _____

Why I am interested in volunteering:

The skills, experience, and interest I bring to my volunteer work choice:

*Please mail your completed form to Stanley-Whitman House, ATTN: Volunteers,
37 High Street, Farmington, Connecticut 06032*